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MINUTES of the a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey held on the 26th day of January at 7:00 P.M Secaucus Municipal Government Center, 1203 Paterson Plank Road, Secaucus, NJ in Chamber II.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Adequate notice for this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, has been provided by the filing of the notice of Meetings with the Municipal Clerk, the posting of said notice on the official bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and the delivery of same to the Secaucus Home News on December 31, 2015.

This body wishes to advise you that in accordance with N.J.A.C.5:23-11.1, et seq. of the Indoor Air Quality Standards and Procedures for Buildings Occupied by Public Employees, smoking anywhere in this public building is prohibited by.

Present: Councilmembers: Michael Gonnelli
Gary Jeffas
Robert Costantino
William McKeever
James Clancy
Susan Pirro
Absent: Mark Dehnert

The first item on the agenda is as follows:

The following resolution was read: No. 2016-39

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, upon the recommendation of the Police Chief and the Police Committee, the following officers are promoted to the rank of Sergeant, effective Tuesday, January 26, 2016 with a salary increase pursuant to collective bargaining agreement per year inclusive of longevity.

Daniel Dobosz
Scott Coar

Councilman Jeffas moved to approve the foregoing resolution, seconded by Councilman Clancy.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Pirro, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Dehnert

Motion
carried.

Michael Marra performed the swearing in of Daniel Dobosz and Scott Coar, to the rank of Sergeant for the Secaucus Police Department.

The VFW presented the Secaucus Police Department with a new bicycle.

Photo collages were presented to the Massaro Family

The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2016-5

AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE SECAUCUS POLICE DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN A VOLUNTARY
REGISTRY OF PRIVATE OUTDOOR SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

Councilman Clancy moved that the foregoing ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

Police Chief, Kevin Flaherty explained the new ordinance and the help it will provide to the Police Department.

Councilman Jeffas added his comments.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Pirro, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Dehnert

Motion carried.

Public hearing on the aforementioned ordinance will be on February 23, 2016

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CONSENT AGENDA-RESOLUTIONS

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Mayor and Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

The following resolution was read: No. 2016-38

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, that Laura Volpe is hereby appointed as Gymnastics Coordinator for the Secaucus Recreation Department, effective January 11, 2016, at a fee of \$3,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Adam Swift is hereby appointed as a Coach=Assistant, effective January 11, 2016, at the hourly rate of \$10.00.

The following resolution was read: No. 2016-40

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for and receive bids for Tree Planting Services.

The following resolution was read: No. 2016-41

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for and receive bids FOR Pool Resurfacing at the Secaucus Swim Center.

The following resolution was read: No. 2016-42

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus; and its Department of Public Works, has the need for compliance with the rules of the Federal Transit Administration, regarding Commercial Driver Personnel and Controlled Substance Testing; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus wishes to utilize the services of DYNAMIC TESTING SERVICES of Toms River, New Jersey also known as DT SERVICE, LLC for their expertise in administering the random testing, to ensure integrity to employees in a confidential manner; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to contract with DT SERVICE, LLC effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, as per their agreement of various and itemized services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey to authorize the contract with DT SERVICE, LLC for testing services, in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 per contract year.

The following resolution was read: No. 2016-43

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Official be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-58, two thirds of the full membership of the Town Council concurring:

TRANSFER TO:

Public Buildings and Grounds	\$50,000.00
Telephone All Departments	7,500.00
Street Lighting	16,000.00
Electricity	70,000.00
Fire Department O/E	<u>15,000.00</u>
	\$158,500.00

TRANSFER FROM:

Admin & Exec S/W	511.00
Mayor & Council S/W	10,720.52
Municipal Court S/W	14,924.26
Office of Inspections S/W	4,221.91
Planning Board S/W	19.68
Communications & Security S/W	1,656.94
Postage All Departments	2,274.04
Treasurer's Office S/W	4,677.83
Assessment of Taxes S/W	154.90
Collection of Taxes S/W	613.82
Police Dept.	89,968.74
Sewer System S/W	691.28
Board of Health S/W	125.50
Social Services S/W 41741	3,926.79
Social Services S/W 41761	479.80
Social Services S/W 41771	8,326.66
Parks & Playgrounds S/W	3,537.30
Celebration of Public Events	6,970.44
Cultural Affairs	<u>4,698.59</u>
	\$158,500.00

The following resolution was read:

No. 2016-44

RESOLUTION APPROVING
HUDSON COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION REDUCTION(S)

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Town of Secaucus has determined that action is required as a result of 2014/2015 Added/Omitted Tax Adjustment(s) granted by the Hudson County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has certified to the foregoing as well as to the amount of the Tax Adjustment(s) which is set forth along the block(s) and lot(s) of the taxpayer(s).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that the requested Tax Adjustment(s) be made:

TAX REDUCTION(S) GRANTED BY THE
HUDSON COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION

BLOCK	LOT	QUALIFIER	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
191	16	C0027	23 Village Place (2014)	\$401.68
Amended appeal # 09-1500028AN				

This supersedes reduction on Resolution #11-2016

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to execute any documents or take any other action necessary to effectuate the spirit and purpose of this resolution.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2016-45

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2016 the Town of Secaucus, Resolution2016-13 authorized Peter J. Zipp, Esq., Special Tax Attorney for the Town of Secaucus, to execute a Stipulation of Settlement resolving the complaint filed by Secaucus for property situated at Block 23, Lot 4.02 HM and located at 800 Secaucus Road for the year 2015 (Docket No. 006821-2016); and

WHEREAS, said Resolution 2016-13 listed the Original Assessment after the fire sprinkler exemption, which was already in place for the Property, but the
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proposed Assessment did not do so causing the actual increase in the Assessment to be overstated; and

WHEREAS, the Stipulation of Settlement to be filed with the Tax Court will reflect the fire sprinkler exemption; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 complaint has been filed by the Town of Secaucus and it has been assigned to docket number 000134-2016; and

WHEREAS, as part of the agreement by Secaucus to withdraw the 2016 complaint, the taxpayer has agreed to withdraw the complaint it filed contesting the 2016 added assessment placed on the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that Peter J. Zipp, Esq., Special Tax Attorney for the Town of Secaucus, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Secaucus, Stipulation of Settlement resolving the Complaints filed by Secaucus Town for property situated at Block 23, Lot 4.02 HM and located at 800 Secaucus Road for Tax year 2015 (Docket No.006821-2016).

Assessment to remain the same for 2015 in consideration of an agreement to increase the assessment for 2016 as follows:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Original Assessment Before Fire Exemption</u>	<u>Proposed Assessment Before Fire Exemption</u>
2015	\$31,672,000	\$31,672,000
2016	\$31,672,000	\$45,226,100

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Original Assessment After Fire Exemption</u>	<u>Proposed Assessment After Fire Exemption</u>
2015	\$30,955,900	\$30,955,900
2016	\$30,955,900	\$44,510,000

Complaint filed by 800 Secaucus LLC % Hartz, Block 23, Lot 4.02 HM: 800 Secaucus Road, Docket No. 014540-2015 (Added Assessment) for Tax Year 2015 is withdrawn

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>New Assessment</u>	<u>Assessment Decrease</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Tax Refund</u>
2015*	\$4,274,583.33	\$4,274,583.33	\$0	\$3.702`	\$0

*Added Appeal Withdrawn

All in accordance with the discussions held at certain caucus meeting of the Town Council on this 26th day of January 2016.

The following resolution was read: No. 2016-46

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2016 the Town of Secaucus, Resolution2016-13 authorized Peter J. Zipp, Esq., Special Tax Attorney for the Town of Secaucus, to execute a Stipulation of Settlement resolving the complaint filed by Secaucus for property situated at Block 30, Lot 4.03 HM and located at 755 Secaucus Road for the year 2015 (Docket No. 006826-2015); and

WHEREAS, said Resolution 2016-14 listed the Original Assessment after the fire sprinkler exemption, which was already in place for the Property, but the proposed Assessment did not do so causing the actual increase in the Assessment to be overstated; and

WHEREAS, the Stipulation of Settlement to be filed with the Tax Court will reflect the fire sprinkler exemption; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 complaint has been filed by the Town of Secaucus and it has been assigned to docket number 000133-2016; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that Peter J. Zipp, Esq., Special Tax Attorney for the Town of Secaucus, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Secaucus, Stipulation of Settlement resolving the Complaints filed by Secaucus Town for property situated at Block 30, Lot 4.03 HM and located at 755 Secaucus Road for Tax year 2015 (Docket No.006826-2015).

Assessment to remain the same for 2015 in consideration of an agreement to increase the assessment for 2016 as follows:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Original Assessment Before Fire Exemption</u>	<u>Proposed Assessment Before Fire Exemption</u>
2015	\$35,548,900	\$35,548,900
2016	\$35,548,900	\$59,234,500

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Original Assessment After Fire Exemption</u>	<u>Proposed Assessment After Fire Exemption</u>
2015	\$34,667,600	\$34,667,600
2016	\$34,667,600	\$58,353,200

All in accordance with the discussions held at certain caucus meeting of the Town Council on this 26th day of January 2016.

The following resolution as read: No. 2016-47

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2016 the Town of Secaucus, Resolution2016-13 authorized Peter J. Zipp, Esq., Special Tax Attorney for the Town of Secaucus, to execute a Stipulation of Settlement resolving the complaint filed by Secaucus for property situated at Block 22, Lot 2 HM and located at 275 Hartz Way for the year 2015 (Docket No. 006804-2015); and

WHEREAS, said Resolution 2016-15 listed the Original Assessment after the fire sprinkler exemption, which was already in place for the Property, but the proposed Assessment did not do so causing the actual increase in the Assessment to be overstated; and

WHEREAS, the Stipulation of Settlement to be filed with the Tax Court will reflect the fire sprinkler exemption; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 complaint has been filed by the Town of Secaucus and it has been assigned to docket number 000135-2016; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that Peter J. Zipp, Esq., Special Tax Attorney for the Town of Secaucus, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Secaucus, Stipulation of Settlement resolving the Complaints filed by Secaucus Town for property situated at Block 22, Lot 2 HM and located at 275 Hartz Way for Tax year 2015 (Docket No.006804-2015 and Docket No: 000135-2016).

Assessment to remain the same for 2015 in consideration of an agreement to increase the assessment for 2016 as follows:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Original Assessment Before Fire Exemption</u>	<u>Proposed Assessment Before Fire Exemption</u>
2015	\$23,119,000	\$23,119,000
2016	\$23,119,000	\$43,687,500

Original
Assessment

Proposed
Assessment

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<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>After Fire Exemption</u>	<u>After Fire Exemption</u>
2015	\$22,170,000	\$22,170,700
2016	\$22,170,700	\$42,739,200

All in accordance with the discussions held at certain caucus meeting of the Town Council on this 26th day of January 2016.

The following resolution as read:

No. 2016-48

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that Peter J. Zipp, Esquire, Special Tax Attorney for the Town of Secaucus, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Secaucus, Stipulations of Settlement resolving the Complaints filed by:

Hartz Mountain c/o Matsushita for properties situated at Block 52, Lot 4.01 HM and located at 50 Meadowlands Parkway; Block 52, Lot 4.02 HM and situated at 48 Meadowlands Parkway; and Block 52, Lot 4.03 HM and situated at 46 Meadowlands Parkway for tax year 2013, under Docket Nos.: 002634-2013 and 004404-2013.

Assessments are as follows:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Proposed Assessment</u>
2013	\$ 128,854,800	\$ 128,854,800

Any and all counterclaims filed in these matters are to be withdrawn contingent upon the complaints being withdrawn and/or dismissed.

All in accordance with the discussions held at certain caucus meeting of the Town Council on this 26 day of January, 2016

The following resolution was read:

No. 2016-49

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that Peter J. Zipp, Esquire, Special Tax Attorney for the Town of Secaucus, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Secaucus, Stipulations of Settlement resolving the Complaint filed by:

Hartz c/o Days Hotel/American General for property situated at Block 227, Lot 7.16 HM 445 Harmon Meadow Boulevard and Block 227, Lot 7.17 HM also located

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at 445 Harmon Meadow Boulevard for tax year 2003, under Docket No.: 001953-2003. Assessments are as follows:

Block 227, Lot 7.16 HM

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Proposed Assessment</u>
2003	\$ 948,700	\$ 948,700

Block 227, 7.17 HM

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Proposed Assessment</u>
2003	\$ 1,856,300	\$ 1,856,300

Any and all counterclaims filed in these matters are to be withdrawn contingent upon the Complaints being withdrawn and/or dismissed.

All in accordance with the discussions held at certain caucus meeting of the Town Council on this 26 day of January, 2016.

The following resolution was read: No. 2016-50

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that Peter J. Zipp, Esquire, Special Tax Attorney for the Town of Secaucus, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Secaucus, Stipulations of Settlement resolving the Complaints filed by:

Pantheon-JP Properties IV, LLC for property situated at Block 47, Lot 4.08 and located at 401 Penhorn Avenue for tax years 2010, 2012, 2013 and 2014, under Docket Nos.: 007440-2010, 003507-2012, 003557-2013 and 007416-2014.

Assessments reduced as follows for:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Proposed Assessment</u>
2010	\$3,354,800	\$3,354,800
2012	\$3,354,800	\$3,354,800
2013	\$3,354,800	\$3,354,800
2014	\$3,354,800	\$3,354,800

All counterclaims filed in these matters are withdrawn contingent upon the complaints being withdrawn and/or dismissed.

All in accordance with the discussions held at certain caucus meeting of the Town Council on this 26 day of January, 2016.

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The following resolution was read: No. 2016-51

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that Peter J. Zipp, Esquire, Special Tax Attorney for the Town of Secaucus, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Secaucus, Stipulations of Settlement resolving the Complaints filed by:

Pantheon-JH Properties II, LLC for property situated at Block 47, Lot 2.01 and located at 201 Penhorn Avenue for tax years 2010, 2012, 2013 and 2014, under Docket Nos.: 007435-2010, 003502-2012, 003561-2013 and 007412-2014.

Assessments reduced as follows for:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Proposed Assessment</u>
2010	\$2,525,000	\$2,525,000
2012	\$2,525,000	\$2,525,000
2013	\$2,532,500	\$2,532,500
2014	\$2,532,500	\$2,532,500

All counterclaims filed in these matters are withdrawn contingent upon the complaints being withdrawn and/or dismissed.

All in accordance with the discussions held at certain caucus meeting of the Town Council on this 26 day of January, 2016.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2016-52

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that Peter J. Zipp, Esquire, Special Tax Attorney for the Town of Secaucus, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Secaucus, Stipulations of Settlement resolving the Complaints filed by:

Fraternity Meadows, LLC for property situated at Block 5.01, Lot 3.02 and located at 7000 / 9000 River Station Boulevard for tax years 2013 and 2014, under Docket Nos.: 015095-2013 and 006212-2014.

Assessments reduced as follows for:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Proposed Assessment</u>
2013	\$ 33,793,600	\$ 33,793,600
2014	\$ 33,793,600	\$ 33,793,600

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All counterclaims filed in these matters are withdrawn contingent upon the complaints being withdrawn and/or dismissed.

All in accordance with the discussions held at certain caucus meeting of the Town Council on this 26 day of January, 2016.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2016-53

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that Peter J. Zipp, Esquire, Special Tax Attorney for the Town of Secaucus, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Secaucus, Stipulations of Settlement resolving the Complaints filed by:

Gateway Plaza, LLC for property situated at Block 157.20, Lot 1 HM and located at 1 Harmon Meadow Boulevard for tax years 2010, 2012 and 2014.

Assessments reduced as follows:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>Proposed Assessment</u>
2010	\$ 5,201,800	\$ 5,201,800
2012	\$ 5,201,800	\$ 5,201,800
2014	\$ 5,201,800	\$ 5,201,800

All counterclaims filed in these matters are withdrawn contingent upon the complaints being withdrawn and/or dismissed.

All in accordance with the discussions held at certain caucus meeting of the Town Council on this 26 day of January, 2016

The following resolution was read:

No. 2016-54

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that Allison Petrone is hereby appointed as Administrative Assistant in the Administrative Department, effective Monday, February 1, 2016, at the rate of \$35,000. per annum.

The following resolution as read:

No. 2016-55

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, upon the recommendation of John Voli, Recreation Director, that the salary of Frank Flanagan who holds the position of Custodian /Special Events Coordinator in the Recreation Center be increased to \$29,000 per annum, which is a salary correction, effective April 13, 2015.

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The following resolution was read:

No. 2016-56

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that Eleanor McGarrity is hereby appointed to the position of part time Administrative Clerk Floater in the Administrative Department effective Tuesday, January 26, 2016 with a salary \$11.00 per hour.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2016-57

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that Joseph Di Natale is hereby appointed to the position of Part Time Dispatcher in the Police Department effective Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at the hourly rate of \$16.04.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2016-58

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the salary of Christine Smith is increased to \$44,250. To add DFC Coalition Program Director to her title effective Wednesday, January 13, 2016.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2016-59

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the salary of Tania Guaman, DFC Coalition Coordinator in the Administrative Department, is increased to \$46,800. effective Wednesday, January 13, 2016.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2016-60

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus must perform certain environmental reporting for the properties at the foot of Oak Lane and at the site of the former DPW Garage; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus wishes to appoint a licensed environmental firm to submit said reporting; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus wishes to hire a firm the appropriate license and the skill and expertise performing this work; and

WHEREAS, Ellas Environmental LLC is a firm that possesses these attributes; and

WHEREAS, after review and discussion the Mayor and Council has determined to whom a contract should be awarded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that a contract for Professional Services be awarded, subject to approval of funds in the 2016 Municipal Budget, through the non-fair and open process as set forth below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administrator and/on Town Clerk shall be authorized to execute a contract for Professional Services and execute any other documents or take any action to fulfill this resolution as follows:

Ellas Environmental LLC in an amount not to exceed \$15,150 for the above referenced work, pursuant to the proposal.

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The following resolution was read:

No. 2016-61

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH COMPANIES
FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AT WASHINGTON HOOK & LADDER FIREHOUSE

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus, for the safety, health and welfare of its residents and to protect the property and assets of the Town, pursuant to the recommendation of the architect Anthony Vandermark, declared an emergency on December 22, 2015 because of the condition and progress of the construction at Washington Hook & Ladder firehouse; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to hire several contractors to undertake the completion of this project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Secaucus is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the following companies at the rates indicated:

Anthony McDermott - Seamless Flooring Systems	\$27,500
Kairos Painting	\$11,500
Crown Custom Builders	\$ 3,600
Cabinets by Robert	\$ 1,900
M&F Mason Tile Contactors LLC	\$21,800

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and/or Town Administrator is hereby authorized to execute any other documents or take any other necessary action to effectuate the spirit and intent of this Resolution.

The following resolution was read: No. 2016-62

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS
DESIGNATING THE LOT AT THE ENTRANCE TO
LAUREL HILL PARK AS A PAID PARKING ZONE FOR RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have been able to secure use of the parking facility located in the Town of Secaucus at the entrance of Laurel Hill Park through the cooperation of the County of Hudson on a temporary basis for residential parking by permit only; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are utilizing this facility as a temporary parking lot for residents in order to address resident requests and the operational needs of the Town for parking near Allied Junction.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council for the Town of Secaucus that approval has been given for the Mayor, Town Administrator or his designee to utilize the parking facility located at the entrance to Laurel Hill, Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, New Jersey 07094 on a temporary basis in order to address the operational needs of the Town for residential parking near Allied Junction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that the lot shall be designated as a paid parking zone pursuant to T.O.127-49 et seq. on a temporary basis not to exceed one (1) year and operate between the hours established by the Town for a flat fee of \$100.00 per month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED any violations for unauthorized use of the temporary parking facility shall be addressed under T.O. 127-53; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and/or Town Administrator or his designee is hereby authorized to take any action, issues any administrative directives or execute any documents necessary to effectuate said purpose and intent.

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The following resolution was read: No. 2016-63

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS TO HIRE
JOHN O'CONNOR FOR PLUMBING SERVICES

WHEREAS, because of the temporary absence of the Town plumber, it is necessary to hire a plumber for municipal projects during his absence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and/or Town Administrator is hereby authorized to hire John O'Connor & Son Plumber at the rate of \$80.00/hour, not to exceed \$10,000, pursuant his proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and/or Town Administrator is hereby authorized to execute any other documents or take any other necessary action to effectuate the spirit and intent of this Resolution.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2016-64

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT AWARD
OF VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council received responses to its Fair & Open Solicitation Process for Professional and other services; and

WHEREAS, after review and discussion of such responses the Mayor and Council has determined to whom contracts should be awarded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that contracts for Professional and other services be awarded as set forth below subject to approval of funds in the 2016 Municipal Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Clerk shall be authorized to execute contracts for Professional and other services as follows:

1. Town Attorney - Chasan, Leyner & Lamparello, P.C. pursuant to rate schedule in their proposal in an amount not to exceed \$150,000
2. Special Attorney Litigation - Florio & Kenny, LLP pursuant to the rate schedule in their proposal in an amount not to exceed \$50,000
3. Town Auditor - Bowman & Co. LLP in an amount not to exceed \$80,000
4. Lead Tax Appeal Counsel - Zipp & Tannenbaum, LLC pursuant to rate schedule in their proposal in an amount not to exceed \$175,000
5. Alternate Tax Appeal Counsel - Florio & Kenny, LLP pursuant to rate schedule in their proposal in an amount not to exceed \$10,000
6. Labor Attorney - Law Offices of David J. Heintjes, Esq., LLC pursuant to their proposal in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.
7. Bond Counsel - Rogut McCarthy, LLC pursuant to rate schedule in their proposal in an amount not to exceed \$25,000
8. Risk Management Consultant - Fairview Insurance Agency, \$3,000 per month not to exceed \$36,000
9. Special Counsel/Federal Regulatory Specialist - Krivit & Krivit, P.C. pursuant to the rate schedule in their proposal in an amount not to exceed \$50,000
10. Alcoholic Beverage Commission Board Counsel - David J. Heintjes, Esq., LLC \$175 per hour in an amount not to exceed \$7,500
11. Planning Board Attorney - Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Fader, \$175 per hour in an amount not to exceed \$5,000
12. Zoning Board of Adjustment Attorney - Florio & Kenny, \$150 an hour in an amount not to exceed \$5,000
13. Local-State Grant Writer - Bruno & Associates pursuant to rate schedule in their proposal in an amount not to exceed \$50,000

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14. Town Veterinarian - Secaucus Animal Hospital and Laser Surgery Center pursuant to their proposal in an amount not to exceed \$75,000
15. Consulting Engineer - Remington, Vernick & Arango pursuant to their proposal in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for capital/special projects at rates as specified in their proposal
16. Public Defender - Thomas Koehl, Esq., \$325 per session in an amount not to exceed \$35,000

Councilwoman Pirro moved that the foregoing resolutions on the Consent Agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman Costantino.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Pirro, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Dehnert

Motion
carried.

BINGO/RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

R-1377 Immaculate Conception Church Off Premise 50/50
R-1378 PTA Secaucus Middle School On-Premise Draw Raffle
R-1379 PTA Secaucus Middle School On-Premise 50/50

Councilman Jeffas moved that the foregoing application be approved, seconded by Councilman Costantino.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Pirro, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Jeffas on ICC only
ABSENT: Dehnert

Motion
carried.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Councilman Costantino moved that the following Salary Vouchers and Claims Fund Register be approved, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

Town of Secaucus Payroll Acct. w/ending 1/15/16	\$503,664.82
Adm. & Exec	22,294.39
Mayor & Council	12,294.43
Municipal Clerk	8,713.13
Community Shuttle Bus	2,968.77
Legal Dept.	000.00
Municipal Court	16,464.52
Engineering	000.00
Pub. Bldgs. & Grds.	37,931.51
Off. Of Inspect.	5,269.41
Planning Board	65.59
Bd. Of Adjustments	160.38
Public Defender	00.00
Comm. & Security Adm	2,876.40
Construction	18,819.74
Treasurer	19,699.09
Tax Assessor	6,202.93
Tax Collector	5,365.39
Police Dept.	379,251.95
School Cross Grds.	9,752.45
Office of Emergency Man.	576.92
Unif. Fire Safety Off.	5,074.97
Rd. Repair & Maint.	128,402.71
Sewer System	189.91
Recycling Coord.	9,232.90
Bd. of Health	3,767.23
Mosquito Control	00.00
Social Services	21,196.34
Fire Dept. Incentives	36,158.34
SHBP Waiver S/W	42,156.85
Pks. & Play Grds.	163.20
Supv. Of Play Act.	25,248.09
Rec. Activities	11,504.03
Social Security	41,156.11
Pool Social Security	000.00
Pool Oper.	000.00
Grant Fund (OEM)	00.00
CDBG	000.00
Town of Secaucus Tax Escrow Acct. w/ending 1/15/2016	\$270,512.88
Town of Secaucus Payroll Acct. w/ending 1/29/2016	\$429,563.59
Adm. & Exec	22,960.32
Mayor & Council	1,571.15

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Municipal Clerk	8,673.38
Community Shuttle Bus	1,761.09
Legal Dept.	000.00
Municipal Court	16,272.96
Engineering	00.00
Pub. Bldgs. & Grds.	37,420.05
Off. Of Inspect.	6,267.27

Planning Board	65.59	
Bd. Of Adjustments	60.38	
Public Defender	00.00	
Comm. & Security Adm	4,077.71	
Construction	19,317.04	
Treasurer	19,669.75	
Tax Assessor	6,179.44	
Tax Collector	5,365.39	
Police Dept.	320,923.64	
School Cross Grds.	16,532.60	
Office of Emergency Man.	576.92	
Unif. Fire Safety Off.	5,117.96	
Rd. Repair & Maint.	134,936.15	
Sewer System	245.13	
Recycling Coord.	9,073.40	
Bd.of Health	3,821.23	
Mosquito Control	00.00	
Social Services	31,160.41	
Fire Department	000.00	
Retirees Health	000.00	
Pks. & Play Grds.	000.00	
Supv. Of Play Act.	32,638.33	
Rec. Activities	9,554.11	
Social Security	35,524.95	
Pool Social Security	000.00	
Pool Oper.	000.00	
Grant Fund (OEM)	000.00	
Town of Secaucus Tax Escrow Acct. w/ending 1/29/2016	\$286,904.85	
Total Amount Claims	Check No.47195-47510	\$1,005,355.16
Recreation Acct	No Checks written	
Recreation On-Line	No checks written	

Note: Current and Trust Account checks are now part of the Total amount of Claims.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Pirro, Gonnelli
 NAYS: None
 ABSTAIN: Gonnelli on Secaucus Fire Department bills
 ABSENT: Dehnert

Motion carried.

All bills for Biff Duncan were removed.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ACTION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Acceptance of Craig Cervasio as a Full Member of the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department.

Councilman Costantino moved to accept the foregoing request, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Pirro
 NAYS: None
 ABSTAIN: Gonnelli
 ABSENT: Dehnert

Motion carried.

Use of the Secaucus Senior Center by the Boy Scouts of America.

Use of Recreation Center by the Partners in Prevention for a training session.

Use of Buchmuller Park by Mr. Doug DePice for a Poetry Reading.

Councilwoman Pirro moved to accept the foregoing request, seconded by Councilman Costantino.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Pirro
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: Dehnert

Motion carried.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Jeffas spoke about the police department and the restructuring. He also spoke about the surveillance at Buchmuller Park.

Councilman Costantino spoke about the Temporary Parking located at the former Dinosaur Park at Laurel Hill Park.

Mayor Gonnelli noted that there will have to be a minimum amount of people to sign up to make it work.

Councilman Clancy spoke about the Red Cross campaign and the smoke detector program. He also spoke about upcoming fund raiser for the Volunteer Fiore Department.

Mayor Gonnelli gave information on the Smoke Detector program.

Councilwoman Pirro spoke about a fund raiser at the Senior Center that will benefit the Animal Shelter. She added gratitude to the Massaro Family and the OEM and DPW for their hard work during the blizzard.

Councilman McKeever spoke about an event for the senior citizens. He offered information on the parking deck at 2 Harmon Plaza that affects the residents of Osprey Cove.

Mayor Gonnelli thanked all involved with the work done during the blizzard.

Councilman Costantino commented on the snow removal. He also commented on the job well done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Jeffas spoke about upcoming events.

Councilman Costantino offered information on recreation events and clinics. He also commended the football program for a job well done.

Councilwoman Pirro spoke about the Employment program and its success.

Councilman McKeever spoke about the energy program as well as a new Sewing Circle program.

Mayor Gonnelli spoke about the Board of Education forum that was held on January 18, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Jeffas offered information on an upcoming event at St. Matthews Church.

Councilman Costantino spoke about upcoming events. He also spoke about Little League sign-ups and other recreation activities. He also gave details about other upcoming events.

Councilwoman Pirro offered information on upcoming community events.

Councilman McKeever spoke about an event for the seniors.

Mayor Gonnelli spoke about the Christmas tree collection as well as a program regarding flood control.

REMARKS OF CITIZENS

Vincent Massaro

Councilwoman Pirro moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Pirro, Gonnelli

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Dehnert

Motion carried.

Michael Marra, Town Clerk